

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 17 and 19, as shown below.

Please cancel claims 26-29.

The pending claims in this application are:

17. (Currently amended) A method of treating immunological skin disorders comprising applying onto an area of skin affected by said skin disorder a fluid, film-forming carrier having contained therein a steroid, and hardening the carrier into a tangible, membrane juxtaposed to said affected area, wherein said film-forming carrier is nitrocellulose.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said skin disorder is eczema, psoriasis, or atopic dermatitis.

19. (Currently amend) A composition for treating adverse skin conditions comprising a fluid, film-forming carrier and an active ingredient comprising a topically active steroid or, a silicone-gel or mixture thereof, said carrier capable of hardening to a tangible membrane, wherein said film-forming carrier is nitrocellulose.

20. (Original) The composition of claim 19, wherein said active ingredient is a topically active steroid comprising at least one corticosteroid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

21. (Original) The composition of claim 19, wherein said active ingredient is a silicone-gel.

22. (Original)      The composition of claim 21, wherein said silicone-gel is  
phenyltrimethicone.
23. (Original)      The composition of claim 19, wherein said active ingredient  
comprises a mixture of said steroid and silicone-gel.
24. (Original)      The composition of claim 19, wherein said active ingredient  
further contains a vitamin.
25. (Original)      The composition of claim 23, wherein said active ingredient  
comprises a mixture of said topical steroid, a silicone-gel, and optionally,  
vitamin E.
26. (Cancelled)
27. (Cancelled)
28. (Cancelled)
29. (Cancelled)